

New Glarus Public Library

Update for July 19, 2011 Village Board Meeting (and for Town Board)

The Library Board met on Tuesday, July 12, 2011

- The Hwy. 39 property closing took place on Friday, July 8th.
- The Library Board discussed the composition of the Fund Raising Task Force – several people have committed to serving and several more will be contacted. The Board will be requesting professional assistance in setting up the fund raising program. The Board is also starting the process to have a topographical survey completed of the Hwy. 39 property.
- A six-month review of the Library's 2011 Budget took place. So far expenditures are where they should be. Library Board members also reviewed 6-month usage statistics for the Library's online databases.

Denise Anton Wright shared her Director's Report. Highlights of which include:

- Although system staff continues to make huge improvements with the monthly LINKcat statistics, there are still several that are unreliable.
- Circulation (items checked out at our library) for June was 7,307.
- Of the 7,307 items checked out during June, 1,858 were adult print (books & magazines), 2,614 were adult non-print (audio books, CDs, software, DVDs), 2,093 were juvenile (children's & teen) print, 668 were juvenile non-print, and the rest were generic / misc. formats.
- Residents of the Village of New Glarus checked out 3,183 items (43.5% of the total monthly circulation) in June.
- Circulation to residents of Green County not served by a municipal library was 3,381 (46% of the library's total circulation for the month) in June.
- Of this Green County total, in June residents of the Town of New Glarus checked out 1,895 items (26% of the library's total circulation for the month), Town of York residents checked out 798 items (11%), and Town of Exeter residents checked out 451 items (6%).
- Residents of Dane County not served by a municipal library checked out 334 items in June (4.5% of the library's total circulation for the month).
- 4,673 people visited the Library during June.
- 38 new patrons were registered in June. So far this year 111 new patrons have been registered.
- During June the Library presented 6 programs that were attended by a total of 156 children, teens, and adults. Registration for all three summer reading programs started on June 15th.
- Patrons used 344 sessions on the Library's three public Internet terminals for a total of 168 hours and 21 minutes during June.
- 656 people visited the Library's website a total of 1,106 times during June with an average of 49 minutes spent on the site.
- Regarding the Library's LSTA Local History Digitization grant, on June 30th Assistant Director Janis Merkle delivered the second and final installment of items to be digitized by the UWDC in Madison. The project is on schedule and Janis is doing an amazing job as the project coordinator.
- The Library's new microfilm viewer / printer / scanner has been delivered and we hope to install it soon. Publicity with the Town of New Glarus Board will be arranged.
- Due to space limitations and declining circulation, all remaining VHS have been withdrawn from the collection. VHS titles dealing with the greater New Glarus area have been moved to the non-circulating local history collection.

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